

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, and add new claims 4-8 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of amplifying an envelope-defective retrovirus by ~~exposing said retrovirus to a~~ comprising:
contacting an indicator cell comprising a virus envelope gene integrated into the genome of the
indicator cell with an exogenous envelope-defective retrovirus,
wherein virus envelope encoded by said gene complements said retrovirus.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus envelope is expressed ~~at the surface of~~ carried by a virus particle produced by said indicator cell.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus envelope is expressed by said indicator cell.
4. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the virus envelope gene is vesicular stomatitis virus protein G (VSVG).
5. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the retrovirus comprises an immunodeficiency virus.
6. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the retrovirus comprises human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
7. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein expression of the envelope gene is controlled by an inducible promoter.
8. (New) A method of detecting envelope-defective retrovirus comprising:
 - (a) amplifying an envelope-defective retrovirus by the method of claim 1; and
 - (b) detecting presence of recombinant viral particles produced by the indicator cell.